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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/618,036

Filed: July 17, 2000

For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING  
SYSTEM AND BONE SCREW  
(as amended)

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: D. Reip

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DR 1/15/03*Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231*APPROVED*

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 4, 21, 33, 34, 38, 45, 47, 48, 51, 52, 70, and 73 in the above-captioned application be amended as indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicant respectfully requests that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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